

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004, Applicant has canceled claim 2 to expedite the prosecution of the present application and amended claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 so as to place the claims in better condition. Applicant has added claim 11 to better define the present invention. Applicant encloses corrected formal drawings in response to the drawing objections. As Applicant understands the objection to the drawings, the corrections include a label for one of the elements of FIG. 1 and connection lines between the reference numerals and the elements of Figs. 3 and 4. If further correction is required, Applicant respectfully requests more detailed instructions.

The Office Action has noted elements in claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 which are said to make the claims indefinite. Applicant has made changes to those claims so as to conform the claims to USPTO requirements. It is believed that the claims are in proper form.

Further prosecution of the present application and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns digital information input systems of the type wherein a user can enter data codes through various means, and receive information concerning a device or item associated with the code from a remote server connected to an information provider. In specific embodiments, codes are provided from an information enabled telephone device, such as digital cellular telephone capable of Internet, or web, based communications, and/or various reader devices such as infrared readers and readers of inks that are invisible to the eye.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-6, and 9-10 under 35 USC section 102 (e) as being anticipated by Beach et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,084,528). As presently amended the present invention is directed to digital information devices specifically using telephone numbers as

digital codes and using means to read invisible (to the eye) inks. In sharp contrast, Beach et al. teaches a intranet scanning terminal system which uses a machine code reader to read visible code to retrieve data. While telephonic communications is noted in the '528 patent, it is respectfully suggested that such telephonic communication is for voice information and not as a means to convey digital data, as in the present invention. All of the claims of the invention, as amended teach the use of telephonic input or invisible ink coding, which is not taught by Beach et al.

Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC section 102 (e) as being anticipated by Sasunuma et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,201,616). Sasunuma et al. teaches the use of both visible and invisible inks to aid in providing information to scanners or copiers so as to prevent counterfeiting and for other similar controls. In sharp contrast, claims 7 and 8 of the present invention use only invisible inks as the sole provider of data through which information is gleaned. No comparison of visible and invisible inks are made. While the '616 patent teaches the use of invisible inks and scanning, such use is in combination with the use of visible inks and codes, which is not required in the device of the present invention. As taught in the present invention the removal of the need for visible inks permits users to encode packaging without having to mar the packaging with coding. Invisible (to the eye) coding permits users to provide neater and more elegant packaging. The '616 patent teaches the use of visible inks in conjunction with invisible inks. Such a system would not produce the results of the present invention.

A petition for a one month extension of time to file a response and the fee for the petition is enclosed herewith. No other fees or petitions are believed to be necessary. However, should

any other fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration and continued examination. A sincere effort has been made to overcome the Action's rejections and to place the application in allowable condition. Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's attorney to discuss any aspects of the invention that the Examiner may feel are not clear or which may require further discussion.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



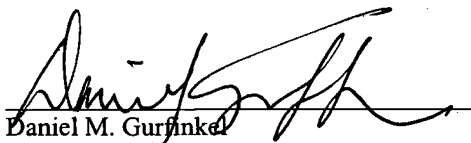
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